

June 16, 2006

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, Chief
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program
Division of Transportation Programming, MS 82
Department of Transportation
Attn: Ms. Penny Gray
P.O. Box 924874
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Re: Formal Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 FTIP

Dear Ms. Falsetti:

Enclosed for your review and approval is a copy of Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) requested by the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG). Kern COG, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on June 15, 2006, adopted Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 FTIP. Also enclosed is an executed copy of the authorizing resolution, Resolution # 06-17, financial plan, and amendment report. Projects in this amendment have been through the MPO approval process in the CTIPS database.

SAFETY PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

 The Kern Council of Governments staff has received a request to revise the Safety Program of Projects. The proposed revision (to project record KER040602) changes the 2005-06 HES lump sum currently programmed in the 2004 FTIP as "HES lump sum at various locations, Hazard Elimination Safety Projects Non-capacity Increasing projects only". This request will change the 2005-06 lump sum from \$185,400 to \$509,985 total, Please see "Attachment A" for details.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This amendment request will increase the 05-06 HES lump sum amount by \$324,585 of which \$250,000 would be federal and \$74,585 would be local. This increase will allow a Safe Routes to School project that became inactive from an earlier cycle to be included in the lump sum project list for 2005-06.

The project is in the City of Wasco on State Route 46 and Griffith Ave. to construct new street signals. The original effort required additional engineering to correct a vertical curve at the intersection thus delaying the signalization project. The Safe Routes to School projects are currently an element of the HES program and the current lump sum is for a County project. Should you have any questions about this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Stramaglia at (661) 861-2191 or istramaglia@kerncog.org.

Sincerely

RONALD E. BRUMMETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

Resolution No. 06-17 in the matter of:

AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO THE 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required to develop, maintain and endorse the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) with a Biannual Program of Projects for federal funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP for the Kern region is a six-year schedule of multi modal transportation project improvements of major freeways, expressways, arterials, urban collectors, bikeways, transit, rail and aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain a current and up-to-date 2004 FTIP, amendments and minor adjustments are required from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 FTIP is **consistent** with elements of the Destination 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (2030 RTP); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP, prepared by the Kern Council of Governments, is financially constrained and reflects state guidelines and regulation requiring the preparation of a TIP in the urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the programming changes contained in this amendment are exempt from conformity requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment No. 15 to 2004 FTIP is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP): and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) has an adopted Public Involvement Procedures and Policies; and

WHEREAS, the document has been made available for review by residents of Kern County through an advertised public hearing as prescribed in the Kern COG Public Involvement Procedures and Policies; and

WHEREAS, this amendment was circulated and reviewed by the member agencies of the Kern Council of Governments, representing their technical and management staffs, and representatives of other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Council of Governments is the state recognized clearinghouse (Executive Order 12372) for this area and the aforementioned formal review shall constitute the official clearinghouse process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kem COG amends the 2004 FTIP as follows:

Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 FTIP will amend the Safety Program of Projects. All changes are shown in the attachment to and made a part of this Resolution No. 06-17 by this reference.

AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2006.

AYES: Couch, Lessenevitch, Ram irez, Holloway, Prout, Linder, Smith, Wegman,

Birnbaum, Silver

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tarver, Bell, Melendez, McQuiston,

Rubio

David Couch, Chair

Kern Council of Governments

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Kern Council of Governments duly authorized at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 15th day of June 2006.

Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director

Kern Council of Governments

Date: 6/14/1

ATTACHMENT A

Kern Council of Governments: Proposed Amendment No. 15 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program - prior

PROGRAM: Safety Program

Route Postmile	Description Program Schedule											
PIN				(construction c	osts escalated	l per Caltrans					
Ste/Fed ID												
Fund AQ	Total Escalated Cost		Prior Years	Т	riennial Eleme	ent				Funding Summary		
Lead	CTIPS ID	Phase		04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	Local	State	Federal
KER040602	AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, HAZARD ELIMINATION SAFETY (HES) PROJECTS. NON-CAPACITY INCREASING PROJECTS ONLY. (40 CFR TABLES 2&3)	PE RW Con		\$472,000	\$185,400					This record has been revised	15/18/06 JS	
1.02 Various	\$472,000	Total		\$472,000	\$185,400					Prior Current	\$65,740	\$591,660

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1.02 Various	\$981,985		Total		\$472,000	\$509,985					Prior Current \$74,585	\$65,740	\$841,660